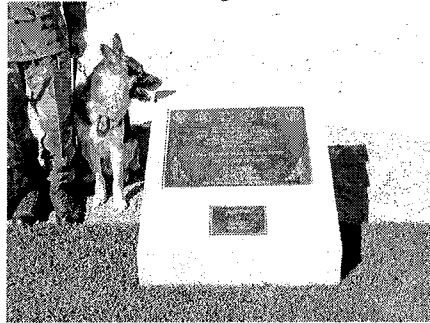


# PROCLAMATION

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## *Honoring International War Dogs/Working Dogs Foundation*

- WHEREAS;** dogs and war go back a long way. More than 4,000 years ago the ancient Persians and Babylonians used mastiffs wearing spiked collars to attack their enemies. The Romans were the first to train war-dog units. The dogs wore spiked collars and armor; unleashed in the forward line of battle, they attacked the enemies' legs, causing them to lower their shields and be more vulnerable to attack. During the Middle Ages, war dogs were outfitted with armor and frequently were used to defend caravans, Napoleon used dogs as sentries. Dogs were first used in the United States as messengers during the Civil War; and
- WHEREAS;** dogs have served in the U.S. military during every modern war – World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, in Bosnia, Afghanistan and in Iraq – as trackers, scouts, sentries, and messengers; as attack dogs, mine detection dogs; and rescue dogs; and
- WHEREAS;** dogs and their trainers/handlers are credited with saving thousands of American lives with great acts of heroism. Some military analysts estimate as many as 10,000 U.S. and Allied lives were saved during the Vietnam War alone, due to the dedication of the war dogs; and
- WHEREAS;** on May 24, 2006, Veterans, K-9 officers and their dogs, representatives of the Las Vegas International War Dogs/Working Dogs Foundation, and Councilman Larry Brown gathered for a ceremony to unveil a new memorial plaque dedicated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8250 to the hundreds of trainers and thousands of dogs who have given their lives throughout the world to ensure our freedom and safety. This new memorial is located in Barkin' Basin Dog Park; and
- THEREFORE,** we, the undersigned Mayor and City Council for the City of Las Vegas, do hereby take great pride in proclaiming Wednesday, July 12, 2006 to be:

*International War Dogs/Working Dogs Day*  
in the City of Las Vegas